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Re: European Patent Application No. 85304645.6
Our file: PM 1213 - R&G file: 27183 and
European Patent Application No. 83308033.6
Our file: PM 653 - R&G file: 26046

Dear Rob:

We have outstanding actions on these two related EPO cases, both due for response around the first of April. I believe that Reddie & Grose has already sent you copies of the actions and Antony Smith's transmittal letters. Since you have already commented on the references cited in the EPO search report for PM 653 (your letter of May 29, 1986), we request that you review this first action and relay your suggestions to Antony. The action centers on the British Specification 1,055,445 (Halter, AMF). I am enclosing a copy of the PM 653 European application for your files.

The search report issued for PM 1213 did not contain any references not already included in the prior art for the parent case, and the first action does not focus on the references but on our PM 653 EPO application as prior disclosure. I am also enclosing a copy of the PM 1213 EPO disclosure, the search report and one other background letter which you apparently did not receive from R&G.

As Antony suggests, the two responses can be better dealt with at the same time. If you need any further information from our files, don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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– Antony

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